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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Arms Control Negotiation Matrices

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1. With all the effort we are putting in on SALT these days, I am anxious that we not fall behind on any of the other many negotiations in the arms control area and that we play as active a role as necessary in shaping the terms of those agreements for purposes of verification.

2. Bob Bovey, as you recall, worked up several matrices with respect to arms control agreements. One of these was a current status of each ongoing negotiation. I would appreciate if we could revive that, update it, and assign someone responsibility for keeping it updated. Perhaps it would be easier to be kept in a loose-leaf notebook with new entries from time to time or however you think best. In short, I would like some mechanism that would automatically alert me to significant changes in the status of any of the ongoing negotiations.

3. Beyond that, I would like to relook at the hugh master matrix with an idea to providing at least the President and probably the Secretary of State with a briefing on the verification aspects of all arms control agreements. We were all worried about that particular matrix because it singled out the points of weakness that were necessary to compress everything under one matrix. Perhaps we have to look at each prospective agreement in three lights: monitoring strengths; monitoring weaknesses; and ambiguities that may cause problems. Again I would like some mechanism to alert us each when changes occur or even are contemplated if they affect our responsibilities.

4. The large matrix was oriented towards how we might improve our collection to meet the weaknesses. In this respect I would like to continue that kind of an effort but encourage that it be shifted over to operation. I would appreciate if you would bring him in on this at least so we can see what role he should play here.

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